



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, November 10, 2023

City News

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NOVEMBER IS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



On **August 3, 1990**, U.S. President George H. W. Bush declared **the month of November as "National American Indian Heritage Month,"** now more commonly known as Native American Heritage Month.

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the very proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kans., formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994. To read more: [National Native American Heritage Month](#)

Mayor Ronald J. Frederick will be reading a Native American Heritage Month Proclamation at the November 14th Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

CITY OF DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION

ANNUAL Santa Breakfast

DECEMBER 2, 2023 • 10:00 AM

**TICKETS ARE \$18, PLUS TAX
CHILDREN 2 AND UNDER ARE FREE**

Please purchase your tickets early as we sell out fast.
Tickets will not be sold at the door.



The Home Course
2300 Golf House Rd.
DuPont WA.

Santa Breakfast!

December 2, 2023, 10:00 AM

Purchase your tickets today for the City of DuPont's Annual Santa Breakfast! Santa has a special place for DuPont in his heart! He makes sure to stop by every year for some yummy pancakes at the Home Course, pictures with all the good boys and girls and of course to listen to their Christmas wish list.

Tickets are \$18 + tax, 2 & under are free.

Sign up today!

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events>

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE
**CITY OF DUPONT
ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2023 • 6PM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF MERRIMENT, A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FROM THE CHLOE CLARK CHOIR, HOLIDAY TREATS, COCOA AND OF COURSE SANTA!

HOLIDAY TREATS & COCOA PROUDLY PROVIDED BY MINCE MERCANTILE



ROSS PLAZA - 1500 ROSS LOOP
DUPONT WA 98327


All are invited to attend the City of DuPont's Annual Tree Lighting that is scheduled for **Friday, December 1st**. We will light our community tree at 6 PM at Ross Plaza along Wilmington Drive in our business district. Special thanks to Mince Mercantile for providing holiday treats and cocoa for the community. Bundle up and join the fun!

City of DuPont
Parks & Recreation
Is currently seeking creative
and talented instructors for
classes and workshops

We are looking for fun, energetic individuals who would love to teach classes for Parks & Recreation AND earn a little money while doing it!

Questions? Please contact Amy Walker at awalker@dupontwa.gov

We can't wait to hear from you!



[Recreation & Activities | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](https://www.dupontwa.gov/Recreation%20and%20Activities)

2023/2024 Dance Classes

Registration for the 2023/2024 dance season is open with Valor School of Dance! Parks & Recreation is pleased to partner with Valor for another year of quality dance instruction for our families right here in DuPont at our Community Center in historic DuPont. Our dance program continues to grow at astonishing rates and we are expanding our programs to meet the need. Registration info can be found here: [Classes | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](https://www.dupontwa.gov/Classes)

SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR SEVERAL MUNICIPAL AGENCY POSITIONS

The City of DuPont seeks citizens to fill vacant positions of several municipal agencies. One of these positions is currently vacant, while others are currently filled but will expire at the end of this year.

Municipal Commission Openings



Planning Commission - The purpose of the Planning Commission is to advise the City Council on general land use, growth management, long-range capital improvement plans, and transportation planning.

Tree Advisory Commission - The purpose of the Tree Advisory Commission is to advise and provide information to the Mayor and Council related to urban forestry and help meet the requirements of the Tree City USA program.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee oversees the LTAC grant program which is related to tourism development and promotion and made possible through taxes paid by consumers when they stay in paid lodging in the City of DuPont. LTAC grants are available to non-profits and public agencies. The committee reviews LTAC grant applications and recommends grant awards to the City Council for approval.

For citizens interested in applying, detailed information about each agency's responsibilities and meeting times can be found on the City's website at <https://www.dupontwa.gov/83/Commissions>. The deadline to submit an application is **November 15, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**

The current application can be found at <https://www.dupontwa.gov/512/Vacancies>.

PLEASE NOTE: If you currently hold a position and your term expires in 2023, and if you are eligible, you will need to reapply to fulfill another term. You may not use your previous application on file; the application has been updated and a new application is required.

HOW DO I?

Street Light Outages

Do you see a broken or dark street light? Did you know that Puget Sound Energy maintains these lights? The most direct way to report an issue is to go directly to the Puget Sound Energy link [PSE | Report a Street Light Problem](#), and complete the form. There is other helpful information on the City's website under "How Do I?".

DuPont Historical Museum



Community News

STEILACOOM HISTORICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION CELEBRATES Thirty YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIPS & IMPACT! Let's celebrate

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE SHEF 30TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP

The special SHEF 30th Anniversary Scholarship will be funded fully by YOU - our community! Join us in a celebration of 30 years of impact and to support a SHS Graduating Senior!

Join us with a gift of \$30, \$130, \$300, or whatever you feel comfortable giving and don't forget to select the Anniversary Scholarship in the donation process!

To Donate

Scan the image below or go to our website

[Shefonline.com](https://www.shefonline.com) scroll down to the donate button on the home page



Public Services

2024 License Renewal Information:

As the 2023 year comes to an end, the rental housing business licenses and pet licenses for the City of DuPont will need to be renewed for 2024. All licenses are renewed through our online portal, SmartGov. Renewal notices will be automatically emailed to existing license holders. Please add noreply@smartgovcommunity.com to your safe senders list and check your junk email folders for those notices coming soon.



I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. Corridor Improvements

Beginning in late summer 2023, contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin construction on Interstate 5 in DuPont near Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is the third in a series of projects that widens I-5 to add HOV lanes between DuPont and Lakewood.

Improvements coming to DuPont and JBLM

In addition to extending the I-5 HOV lanes, construction crews will make improvements that enhance mobility and safety in DuPont and near the JBLM DuPont Gate at exit 119, including:

- A new bridge spanning I-5 and the railroad. The new bridge will feature a partial Diverging Diamond Interchange and a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists between JBLM and DuPont.
- Direct access between JBLM and both directions of I-5.
- A new roundabout connecting Steilacoom-DuPont Road and the new overpass.

The project will also add a new signal at the intersection of the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Mounts Road (exit 116) and improve the I-5 vertical clearance over Pendleton Avenue.

What you can expect

Construction will begin in summer 2023 and is expected to be complete in 2026. The project consists of multiple stages that involve overnight and weekend ramp closures, lane shifts onto temporary pavement, potential speed limit reductions, and bicycle and pedestrian detours. Crews will contain dust and debris to the construction site and will minimize noise as much as practical. Clear signage will indicate required detours throughout the project.



The project extends HOV lanes in both directions into DuPont.

Stay connected

Follow us on Twitter [@WSDOT_Tacoma](https://twitter.com/WSDOT_Tacoma)

Check out our Facebook page: facebook.com/WSDOT

Project hotline: 206-467-2171

Scan the QR code or visit: wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-projects/i-5-mounts-rd-steilacoom-dupont-rd-corridor-improvements



For updated weekly ramp and lane closure schedules, visit: wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/

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Title VI Notice to Public: It is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) policy to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our non-discrimination obligations, please contact OECR's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7090. 23-08-0293

WSDOT: I-5 Mounts Rd to Steilacoom-DuPont Road Corridor Improvements outreach links:

Online open house:

<https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/i-5-mounts-to-steilacoom-dupont-rd/>

WSDOT Blog:

<https://wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2023/09/i-5-hov-dupont-jblm.html>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIDRY3j6DNI&t=1s>

The WSDOT Facebook page also has a post linking the blog and online open house:

<https://www.facebook.com/WSDOT/>

Fall Leaves

We'll all agree the fall-colored leaves bring added beauty to the wonderful City of DuPont, yet they also cause a lot of yard work. Please be responsible for the leaves that fall in your yard and on the sidewalks in front of your homes, and do not blow them into the street. Instead, please put them in your yard waste receptacles. Work with your neighbors to make sure storm drains are clear. Keeping leaves raked and cleaned up will keep gutters and streets from filling up with water. Street sweepers will be coming by in the coming weeks (please see schedule below), so let's do our part to help ensure the streets are clear of leaves and debris. Thank you, residents!



2023 Street Sweeping

Below is the street sweeping schedule for October and November. The schedule is subject to change if the sweeper breaks down or the schedule unexpectedly changes.

October 23 – 27

Wilmington Drive
Center Drive
Yehle Village
Hoffman Hill

October 30 – November 3

Wilmington Drive
Steilacoom/DuPont Road
Palisade Division

November 6 – 9 (Holiday 11/10)

Center Drive
McNeil St.
Historic Village
Bell Hill
Edmond Village
Savannah Oaks
El Rancho Madronna

November 13 - 17

Wilmington Drive
Palisade Division
Yehle Village
Hoffman Hill

November 20 - 22 (Holiday 11/23 & 11/24)

Wilmington Drive
Center Drive
McNeil St.

November 27 - December 1

Steilacoom/DuPont Rd.
Historic Village
Bell Hill
Edmond Village
Savannah Oaks
El Rancho Madronna



CITY OF DUPONT WATER MAIN FLUSHING



The City of DuPont periodically flushes the pipes in our water system to remove rust and sediment, which helps ensure you receive clean, reliable water. Flushing forces high-velocity flows through the pipes and out through fire hydrants. Along with scouring the inside of water mains, this also helps us find and repair malfunctioning valves and hydrants before they cause problems. Water department crews will likely begin flushing in October 2023 and should complete the program in early 2024.

What to Expect-

- During flushing, you might see utility crews working at hydrants and valves in intersections and at the end of cul-de-sacs.
- Your water pressure may decrease during flushing, and you may see discoloration. This is temporary, not harmful and should clear up quickly.
- Avoid running the tap or turning on appliances that use water, such as dishwashers and clothes washers, when flushing is happening in your area.
- If you get discolored water or find sediment in your water, remove any aerators from your faucets and run the cold tap for a few minutes or until the water runs clear.
- Make sure your first load of laundry after flushing is dark clothes only.

If you have questions during normal business hours about our flushing programs, or if your water does not clear up within a short time after flushing is completed, please contact our Water Quality Section at (253) 964-8121 or publicworks@dupontwa.gov.

After business hours, call the Public Works Afterhours Emergency Contact Line at (253) 912-5389.

DuPont Parks & Trails

Did you know the City of DuPont has over 12 miles of maintained trails and nearly 20 developed park spaces? Or that there is a Community Garden or an off-leash dog park? You can discover all these places and more by using our City website's Parks & Facilities portal! The City Parks and the City Trails links use the same master search function that allows you to search by amenities or even trail difficulty! Whatever you select as a feature, only parks or trails that have that feature will populate! Looking for an easy trail with a water view? Select "water view" and "trail-easy," which will only bring up those trails! Are you looking for a park with a playground but also a bathroom? Search both of those features, and only those specific parks will show.

Discover a new park, a trail, or Community Garden, and explore these portals! <https://dupontwa.gov/198/Parks-Facilities>



DuPont Fire Department

Response Information: The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1st of this year.



(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other			4
(11) Structure Fire			5
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire			7
(14) Natural vegetation fire			11
(15) Outside rubbish fire			0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition			1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other			2
(31) Medical assist			16
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		18	532
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		2	35
(33) Lock-In			0
(35) Extrication, rescue			1
(36) Water or ice-related rescue			2
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other			0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks			6
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition			3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			1
(50) Service call, other		1	48
(51) Person in distress			9
(52) Water Problem			1
(53) Smoke, odor problem			2
(54) Animal problem or rescue			1
(55) Public service assistance		1	36
(56) Unauthorized burning			1
(60) Good intent call, other			9
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		1	45
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found			2
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke			12
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency			1
(70) False alarm and false call, other			14
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm			4
(73) System or detector malfunction			31
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		1	16
(91) Citizen complaint			2
Unknown			0
TOTALS		24	860

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	2	107
Mary Bridge	2	61
St. Clare	5	115
St. Joseph	2	38
St. Peters		10
Tacoma General	2	16
TOTAL	13	348

ALS	13	356
BLS	7	210

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	8	177
0800-1649	12	408
1700-2359	4	275
TOTAL	24	860

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	2	99
Monday	1	103
Tuesday	2	118
Wednesday	6	156
Thursday	6	149
Friday	5	121
Saturday	2	114
TOTAL	24	860

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	3	63
DPF Provided	1	52
Multiple Calls	3	102



Safety Message - Fireplaces and Candles

Many people enjoy lighting scented candles or using a fireplace during autumn. Much like bonfires, these can be enjoyed safely with a few tips in mind.

Fireplace safety tips:

- Clean out ash from previous fires before lighting a new one, and ensure the chimney is cleaned annually
- Make sure the damper or flue is open before starting a fire, and crack a window if possible to help with air quality
- Install safety screens to protect children, and keep all children and pets at least three feet away from the fireplace
- Keep any flammable objects at least three feet away from the fireplace
- Always keep a fire extinguisher nearby
- Never leave a fireplace unattended

Candle safety tips:

- Keep candles away from anything flammable
- Never leave a lit candle unattended
- Place burning candles at least three inches away from each other
- Never move a burning candle – the wax can burn you
- Don't burn candles to the end of the wick; instead, stop burning the candle a ½ inch remains
- Use a candle snuffer to extinguish a candle, to avoid splattering hot wax



Sparky's **HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE**

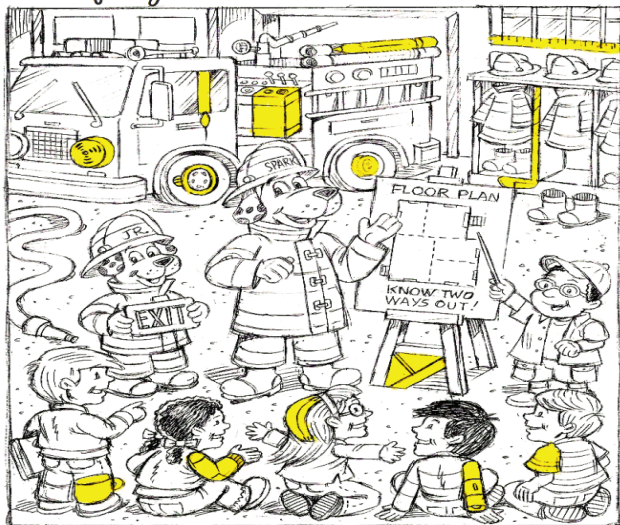


The following objects are hidden in this picture: ☐ battery, ☐ smoke alarm, ☐ candle, ☐ flashlight, ☐ pencil, ☐ sailboat, ☐ banana, ☐ golf club, ☐ bell, ☐ sock, ☐ ruler, ☐ ring, ☐ cup, and a ☐ button!

For more **FUN STUFF**, visit **SPARKY.ORG**

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Sparky's **HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE ANSWERS**



KIDS!!

For more fun learning activities, videos, and games

Please visit: <https://sparky.org/activities>



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Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*



Total Calls for Service 10/30/23 – 11/05/23: 238
Average per day: 31.42

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

05 Agency Assist
06 Citizen Assist
07 Community Oriented Policing
01 Disorderly/Neighbor Dispute
01 Disorderly/Road Rage
02 Motor Vehicle Collision
01 Narcotics Activity
01 Liquor Law Violation
01 Runaway
01 Runaway (located)
01 Lewd Conduct (under investigation)
02 Special Emphasis
53 Traffic Stops
02 Traffic Complaints
03 Trespass Notification/Warning
02 Threats
02 Unwanted Person
01 Welfare Check

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

01 Commercial Burglary
01 Motor Vehicle Theft
04 Vehicle Prowl



CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

01 Assault in the 4th Degree/Domestic Violence
01 Fraud/Identity Theft
01 Tacoma Warrant - Assault in the 4th Degree

ARRESTS/REFERRALS

01 Assault in the 4th Degree/Domestic Violence - referred to Lakewood Prosecutor, CPS
01 Assault in the 4th Degree/Domestic Violence - booked into jail
01 Tacoma Warrant - Assault in the 4th Degree - booked into jail

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Officers and administrative staff were present at the annual City of DuPont Downtown Trick or Treat event.
- Speed emphases were conducted throughout the city.
- Officers completed online training.
- DuPont officers greeted students, parents, and staff at the local schools.

REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
- If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060

If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at Police@dupontwa.gov or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.



Download on the
App Store

ANDROID APP ON
Google play

DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!

DuPont Police Department

Marine Toys for Tots Toy Drive

For the fourth year, the DuPont Police Department is proud to partner with the Marine Forces Reserve in supporting the [Marine Toys for Tots Foundation](#). The DuPont Police station is an official collection center for new, unwrapped toys. The collection box is located just inside the DPD station lobby. **Our main lobby is open Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Additional Toys for Tots collection boxes will be located at the following locations:

- DuPont City Hall - 1700 Civic Dr., DuPont, WA 98327
- McNamara's Pub & Eatery – 1595 Wilmington Dr., Dupont, WA 98327
- Farrelli's Pizza – 1590 Wilmington Dr., Dupont, WA 98327
- Patriots Landing – 1600 Marshall Cir, Dupont, WA 98327

Monday, December 4th is the last day to drop off a new, unwrapped toy before the collection boxes are picked up. Happy Holidays and Semper Fi!



Trick or Treat!

At the annual City of DuPont Downtown Trick or Treat event, DuPont officers and administrative staff had fun getting to meet so many community members and enthusiastic trick-or-treaters. We look forward to seeing you next year for another spooktacular event!



City Council and Calendars

11/14/2023 - Regular Council Agenda Items:

- Employee Veteran's recognition
- Proclamation - Native American Heritage Month
- Finance Presentation - Jim Nelson of D.A. Davidson & Co.
- Resolution - 2024 Legislative Priorities
- Public Hearing - Transportation Benefit District Budget adoption for 2024
- Ordinance setting the regular Property Tax & EMS Property Tax Levy for 2024
- Resolution declaring surplus items
- Mandated statutory amendment to B&O tax code at DMC 3.07.078



Helpful Meeting Links:

- ◇ **City of DuPont Meetings** can be watched live or later at:
City's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A.
- ◇ **Regular Council Meetings** can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel and/or at: Pierce County TV <https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings>.
- ◇ **Agendas**, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available at the following link: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/>.
- ◇ **Minutes**, after they are passed, are available at: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/>.

Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

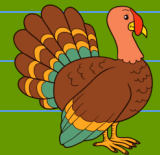
Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "Download Agenda".



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Agenda**



Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
11/13/2023	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
11/13/2023	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
11/14/2023	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission - CANCELED
11/14/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
11/23-11/24/23		City Hall CLOSED in celebration of Thanksgiving
11/27/2023	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting/Joint meeting with Park Commission
11/27/2023	6:00 PM	Park Commission Special Meeting
11/28/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting



Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
11/19/2023	Board Game Day	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events
12/1/2023	Annual Tree Lighting	Save the Date!
12/2/2023	Santa Breakfast	https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events
12/17/2023	Board Game Day	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES

Reminder: City Hall will be closed November 23rd and 24th in celebration of Thanksgiving.

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